

CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

*By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the
Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:*

IN HONOR OF LABOR DAY

WHEREAS, as the men and women who settled the Jamestown Colony founded the prosperity of Virginia, today's working men and women help attract new businesses and industries and retain established employers, thereby strengthening the current and future economy of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, now, 400 years later, Virginia is universally recognized as a place for businesses to grow and flourish; and

WHEREAS, Virginia's widely recognized workforce is a reflection of the commitment of the Commonwealth to build an effective workforce and create gainful employment for its citizens in safe and healthy work environments; and

WHEREAS, the honesty, integrity and dedication of Virginia's working men and women reflect the values of, and bring honor to, this Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, on Labor Day working families and friends have the opportunity to rest and celebrate all their accomplishments while reflecting upon the values they bring to their workplaces; and

WHEREAS, on September 5, 1882 the first Labor Day holiday was celebrated, and Congress passed an act on June 28, 1894 declaring the first Monday of September as the Labor Day Holiday;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Timothy M. Kaine, do hereby recognize September 3, 2007, as **LABOR DAY** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.